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1. There are anti-Communist guerrilla bands in the Karlovo region on Stara Planina near Plovdiv on the Sredna Gora Mountains, and in the region of Kyustendil on Mount Usogova. Source does not know their strength, organization or armament.
 2. Between 25 and 31 May 1948, thirty soldiers and four officers deserted from the 21st Infantry Regiment and escaped safely to the mountains.
 3. In the region of the spa Lezhene (32 kilometers southwest of Pazardzhik) movements of the inhabitants have been restricted because of the activity of guerrillas.
 4. On the night of 10 April 1948 twenty Bulgarian anti-Communists attacked the forest ranger station at Balio (sic) in the Rhodope Mountains. They took the weapons and ammunition from the ten forest rangers stationed there.

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